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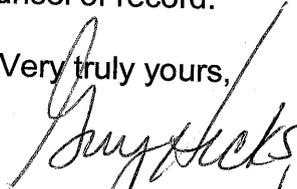
Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate, Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: *Petition of Tennessee UNE-P Coalition to Open a Contested Case  
Proceeding to Declare Switching an Unrestricted Unbundled Network  
Element*  
Docket No. 02-00207

Dear Chairman Tate:

Enclosed are the original and fourteen copies of BellSouth's Comments. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,

  
Guy M. Hicks

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: *Petition of Tennessee UNE-P Coalition to Open a Contested Case  
Proceeding to Declare Switching an Unrestricted Unbundled Network  
Element*

Docket No. 02-00207

**COMMENTS OF BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

As directed by the Hearing Officer's Order of September 15, 2003, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") submits these Comments regarding the progress of the above-referenced docket in relation to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority's ("TRA") implementation of the FCC's Triennial Review Order.

BellSouth has reviewed the Comments submitted by the Petitioners in this docket on September 25. BellSouth has no objection to proceeding as suggested by the Petitioners, specifically that the above-referenced docket should remain suspended pending the outcome of the appeals of the Triennial Review Order and/or the completion of the TRA's dockets implementing that order.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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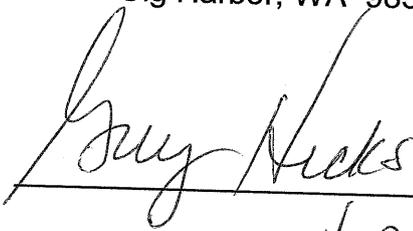
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